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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt of the Amendment filed December 22, 2003 amending claims 1,3, 18, 19 and 28 are amended. Claims 34-43 are added. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-19 and 21-14 are pending in the application and are presented to be examined upon their merits.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed December 22, 2003 complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and has been placed in the application file.

Response to Amendment

3. The reply filed on December 22, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There is no explanation in the remarks of the relevance to newly presented claims 34-43 and support cited within the remarks given in the specification for the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S Felten whose telephone number is (703) 305-0724. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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